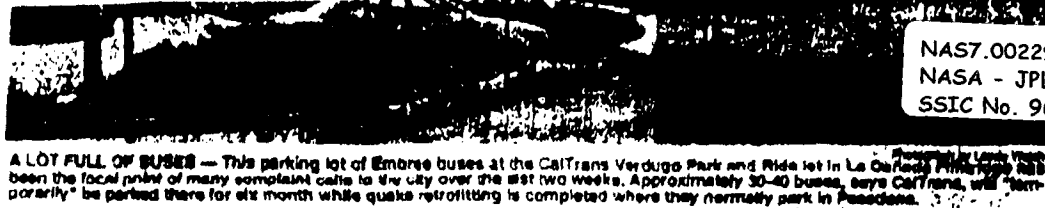


any have indicated that the city will have a right of first refusal to purchase the property at fair market value. The property is approximately one acre in size. City staff says that in 1980 CalTrans approached the City Council for endorsement of its use of the land as a Park and Ride lot. At that time council agreed to contribute \$5,000 for landscaping, but placed several conditions on the arrangement. One of those conditions was that if the facility



A LOT FULL OF BUSES — This parking lot of Embrose buses at the CalTrans Verdugo Park and Ride lot in La Canada Flintridge has been the focal point of many complaint calls to the city over the past two weeks. Approximately 30-40 buses, says CalTrans, will "temporarily" be parked there for six months while quake retrofitting is completed where they normally park in Pasadena.

should cease to be used as a Park and Ride, the parking facility would be removed and within two years of the termination of that use, be

landscaped in a manner compatible with other freeway landscaping in the vicinity. Many calls of complaint

have been received by the city to date concerning the ugliness of the bus-filled lot and the item has been placed on city council's agenda for

its February 18 meeting. That meeting will be called to order at 6 p.m. in council chambers, 1327 Foothill Blvd.

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Lawsuit Charges Arroyo Water Was Tainted by JPL

Local Officials Say LCF Water Is Safe

by Eileen Ferber

A lawsuit alleging that the Jet Propulsion Lab in La Canada Flintridge caused several cancer cases through dumping of toxic chemicals into the Arroyo Seco and the water supply under it several decades ago appears to be expanding as other possible litigants learn of the story.

The original plaintiffs in the lawsuit filed Jan. 10 in Los Angeles County Superior Court were all students at St. Bede School in La Canada in the 1970s. All later developed Hodgkins disease, and one, Francesca Salvo, died of the disease in 1989. The other two plaintiffs are Tamara Vallier, 31, and Romona Hingley, 32, both of Sunland.

Attorney Clifford Pearson, representing the plaintiffs, said five additional former St. Bede students with health problems have presented themselves recently. Another case involves a man who attended Pasadena Art Center in the Linda Vista area and later died of Hodgkins Disease.

Frank O'Donnell, speaking on behalf of JPL, said that while he cannot comment further on a pending lawsuit, "there is no substance to the allegations against JPL and the lab will

defend its position vigorously."

JPL has approximately 30 days to respond to the allegations. It could take up to one and one-half years or more for the "case" to be heard in court, if it is not settled out of court or in another manner.

The Valley Water Company, the source of supply for St. Bede, La Canada High School and the now-closed Oak Grove Elementary School says its water has been tested since the 1960s and it has met the standards set for water in that time period.

A spokesperson for the Valley Water Company said that since 1960 an aeration plant takes out 100 percent of the pollutants in the water. It is now regularly monitored. Water for this area comes from local wells and the Colorado River.

According to attorney Pearson, two law firms have filed the suit in Los Angeles Superior Court. Both firms, he said, have worked on similar cases in the past, including one last summer involving toxins at the Lockheed plant in Burbank. The case

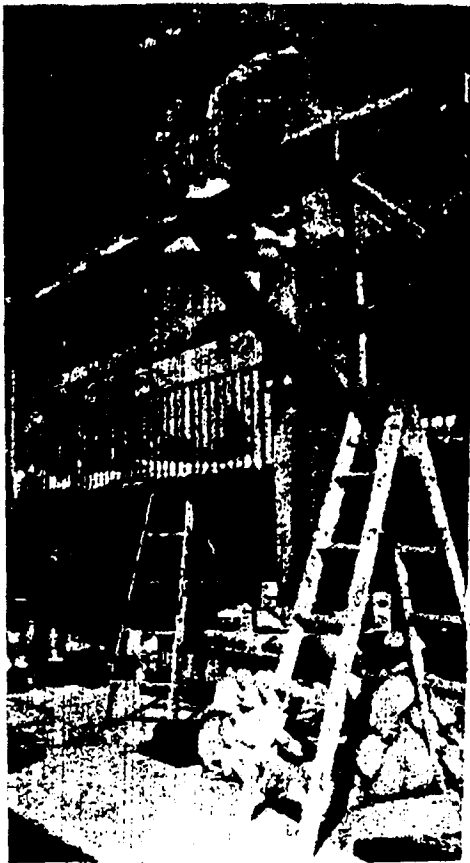
was settled out of court, but it was the solicitor of that case which precipitated the calls about the St. Bede incident and now the one from the Pasadena Art Center, according to Pearson.

He said a State of California study from the Department of Health Services on cancer incidents from 1988-91 indicates that white females have a 2.2 chance in 100,000 of contracting Hodgkins. When all races are considered, the chance of getting it is more like one in 50,000.

The complaint alleges JPL dumped 23 "highly toxic and dangerous materials" into the ground, groundwater, air and sewers at or near the site. "In talking with several scientists, it was their consensus that evidence of specific contaminants in the water before measurements were made by the water company, beginning in 1980, would be very difficult to ascertain."

A representative from the Municipal Water District said that LCF is a part of the Monk Hill Portion of the Raymond Basin which

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are shown as they construct one of five covers for buses

Bus Benches Under Cover

two weeks; the benches should all be installed in approximately six weeks, according to Chapman. Work is being completed on the covers by the West Valley Investment Group, the contractor for the job. Locations of the five covers are along Foothill Boulevard at Gould Avenue, Oakwood Avenue, La Canada Boulevard, Hillside Avenue and Ocean View Boulevard. The covers are based on one obtained from local contractors. Maintenance for the benches and covers will be next year's budget to

take care of regular maintenance, said Chapman.

The idea of the benches is the brainchild of City Councilwoman Joan Feehan, who Chapman said worked diligently for about six years to see the project to fruition.

Locations for the covers were determined by looking at drainage, utility pole placement, space to build the covers and how many people waited at each location for buses. The covers are all located on the north side of Foothill because of the sun's intensity on that side of the boulevard.

La Canada Flintridge

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CALL ABOUT TREES

LCFR MTC, FEB. 27

La Canada Flintridge Beautiful is sponsoring a community meeting Thursday, Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m. in LCF City Council Chambers, 1327 Foothill Blvd. Craig Steward,

11-Year-Old Anne Siegal Offers Comfort to Animals in Need

by Ferera Kaimerman

Eleven year old Anne Siegal of La Canada has given the gift of comfort to animals in need at the Pasadena Humane Society and SPCA. Anne, a PHS member for the last year and a half, donated her saved allowance towards the purchase of warming packs for kittens and puppies awakening from spay and neuter surgery.

Her love of animals started early with the family's four dogs. A traumatic experience when Anne was six years old led to a growing awareness that pets are often vulnerable to human abuse. The family's favorite dog "Zausner" had run away to play and explore several



Anne Siegal

On this occasion, Zausner failed to return. Using the telephone number on Zausner's tag, an unknown person

contacted her for exchange, leaving Anne and her family heartbroken.

Following Zausner's kidnapping, Anne and her family searched animal shelters throughout L.A. County and as far as Orange County for six months without success.

A few years later, Anne visited the PHS with the hope of bringing home a new puppy. Although she later acquired a puppy elsewhere, that visit to the PHS was the beginning of a continuing relationship with the animal shelter.

First James Anne's decision to join PHS as a paid member. This



The 1997 Summer Opportunities Fair sponsored by the Assistance League of Plimbridge is set for Saturday, Feb. 22 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the La Caille High School cafeteria. Since there is no summer school for grades 1 through 8 this year due to schools' construction and modernization work, more than 40 providers of children's summer programs will be on hand with exciting alternatives. Free.

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